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OUTRAGE



County Councillors will be able to get on and off the £116 million Guided Bus at this new bus stop (*left*) just across the road from Shire Hall.

But local residents in north Cambridge won't be able to catch the Guided Bus as it won't be allowed to stop on Histon or Milton Roads.

Arbury Liberal Democrat Rupert Moss-Eccardt protests at the Akeman St stop (right) on Histon Rd where the Guided Bus won't stop.



Press releases win prize as roads and pavements crumble • see page 3

Also inside, City trees to be protected

It's time to send Gordon Brown a clear message

Gordon Brown has played a large part in getting Britain into the current economic crisis.

It was his management of the housing bubble that has left Britain in a worse position than many of our European neighbours.

Mr Brown's government is also failing badly on the environment. The economic crisis makes it more important that Britain's economy become a green economy. But Mr Brown is not up to the task.

The elections on 4th June give us a chance to send Gordon Brown a very clear message.

The Conservatives offer little hope for this city or this country – a return to 1930s style depression and austerity.

Only the Lib Dems under Nick Clegg and Vince Cable have the right answers to get Britain back to work and to tackle climate change.



Gordon Brown has lost the confidence of the British people.

Campaign wins justice for the Gurkhas



Gurkha campaigner Joanna Lumley and Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg celebrate the victory in Parliament

The campaign to win justice for the Gurkhas has beaten the Labour government.

But after MPs said that former Gurkha soldiers should have the right to live in this country, Mr Brown's government tried to wriggle out of the problem.

Persistent pressure from Joanna Lumley and politicians eventually got the government to act.

The right to live here

Ms Lumley and Mr Clegg had argued that soldiers who were prepared to die for this country should be allowed to live here.

But Gordon Brown did not accept that overriding principle and his government tried to delay changes.

County Council brought to book over library delays

The rebuilding of Cambridge's Central Library is months behind schedule.

The delays come just months after the Conservative County Council was forced to admit long delays in the Guided Bus project.

The Lib Dems are worried that the project could slip further because of underlying problems and they want a full investigation.

Sarah Whitebread said: "There are so many unanswered questions in this whole affair. It needs to be looked at closely to see where it has gone wrong.

"How can we be sure that, even with a new construction company on board, the library will eventually open? There have been so many delays and so many excuses."



Unhappy: campaigner Sarah Whitebread is angry that the Conservative-run County Council has delayed re-opening the central library.

Wheelie-good recycling changes



Later this year residents will get the chance to choose whether they want a third (blue) wheelie bin or if they want to stick with recycling boxes.

Households with front gardens may well prefer the extra capacity of a third bin. While people in terraced housing may prefer to stick with the black and blue boxes.

Residents will also be able to choose whether they want their wheelie bins to be large or small.

"These changes will make it easier for people to recycle more and people will be able to have the bins which best suit their needs and circumstances," said Cllr Ian Nimmo-Smith.



Recycling in Cambridge has gone up and up since the Lib Dems took control of the City Council. The percentage of waste recycled was a staggeringly low 8% when Labour ran the council.

Labour councillors have frequently voted against improvements to the recycling system, especially the popular door-to-door collections.

Pothole crazy



Caroline Shepherd examines the appalling state of the pavement on Hills Road.

Cambridge's roads and pavements seem to be falling apart.

The Conservative-run County Council seems to have lost control of its management of city road surfaces and dozens of Cambridge streets are badly affected.

The Conservative-run Council has cut funding in real terms to road repairs and Cambridge people can see the result.

The Liberal Democrat opposition proposed an real increase in funding for emergency repairs.

Press releases win prize for Conservative Council as roads crumble

The Highways Department in the Conservative-run County Council has just won an award for its communications and "use of press releases"!

Needless to say, the County Council hasn't won the prize for road, pavement or cycle path maintenance.



Romsey Councillor Kilian Bourke has fought for Mill Road, which has fallen into a dreadful state, to be resurfaced.



The County Council failed to grit cyclepaths during this year's icy weather.

Lib Dems fight for more city trees

Trees are being felled across Cambridge but the Lib Dems are fighting to preserve them.

Following Addenbrooke's decision to take the axe to a line of cherry trees and the County Council's sudden removal of trees at the railway station, Cambridge Lib Dems are trying to stop or slow down the removal of healthy trees.

The Lib Dems have launched a protocol which the City Council will follow, which will ensure that local residents get plenty of time to object to any proposed tree felling.

Lib Dem Councillors have also put aside £50,000 for tree-planting on the city's commons and have agreed to 500 new trees being planted at the railway station when the new development goes ahead.

Lib Dem candidates for the County Council have also pledged to pressurise the County Council to sign up the new protocol protecting the city's trees.

Cambridge's longest running battle to safeguard trees won a big victory last autumn, when the Lib Dem campaign to safeguard Milton Road's trees succeeded in getting new trees planted.



Andy Pellew and Cllr Neil McGovern celebrate the Lib Dem campaign victory which got new trees planted on Milton Road after years of County Council hold-up.

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Chesterton rail station takes big step forward

The long-running campaign by the Liberal Democrats to get a railway station built in Chesterton has taken a giant step forward.

Millions of pounds have been allocated to support the plan which will create jobs in north Cambridge and provide a significant boost to the Science Park and high-tech sector.

Good News

"This is very good news," said David Howarth MP.

"I have supported this idea for years and I am glad that the

support the Lib Dems have given to this scheme is paying off."

Liberal Democrats in Chesterton welcomed the news.

"Having a railway station here will be a great benefit to local people," said Susannah Kerr.

Lorries off the A14

Lib Dem MP David Howarth is continuing to battle for major improvements to the railfreight line between Felixstowe and the Midlands in order to get thousands of lorries off the A14.



David Howarth MP near the site of the new Chesterton railway station with Chesterton Lib Dems Cllr Kevin Wilkins, Siep Wijsenbeek and Susannah Kerr



Lib Dem 'Twenty is Plenty' campaign will mean safer streets across city



"Residents living near Northfield Avenue are fed up of speeding traffic," says King's Hedges resident Andy Pellew.

Andy is campaigning for a 20mph speed limit on Northfield Avenue, where speeding cars and buses make things dangerous especially for children going to the local school and for the many elderly people in the area.

"A 20 mile-an-hour limit would make a real difference to people feeling safe," said Andy.

Having seen a 20mph speed limit introduced right across Portsmouth, Lib Dems in Cambridge backed the same idea here.

But the rural Conservatives in control of Cambridgeshire County Council refused to support the idea.

But last month, the Council voted through a 20mph zone for the historic core of the city.

Now the Lib Dems want to see 20mph extended to other

streets where there's a speeding problem.

The places where a 20mph could make things safer for all road users range from busy thoroughfares like Mill Road, through busy streets like Northfield Avenue to ordinary residential streets like Akeman Street and Darwin Drive.

"Many residents tell me they want their street to be safer," said Cllr Rupert Moss-Eccardt.

"A 20mph limit would be welcomed by lots of local people."



Akeman Street and Darwin Drive would be ideal for a 20mph limit according to local Lib Dem councillor Rupert Moss-Eccardt.